

## DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Clark County Department of Family Services, 121 S. Martin Luther King Las Vegas, NV 89104
<b>Date:</b>	September 17, 2014 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

<b>Membership:</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	Vicki Herman	✓	
	Dr. Bree Mullin	✓	
	Shelia Parks	✓	
	Donna Smith	✓	
	Willie A. Stewart		✓
	Judge Frank Sullivan	✓	
	Detrick Sanford		✓
	Dr. Constance Brooks		✓
	Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler	✓	
	Andre Bailey	✓	
	Joelyn Gold	✓	
	Dashun Jackson	✓	
<b>County/ Department Management:</b>	Lisa Ruiz-Lee	DFS Director	
	Paula Hammack	DFS Assistant Director	
	Michael Knight	DFS Assistant Director	
	Mari Parlade	Manager of Community Partnerships & Engagement Unit	
	Kristi Jourdan	Community Relations Specialist	

<b>Agenda Item 1:</b>	<b>Call Meeting to order</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call to order by Donna Smith and role was called by Lisa Ruiz-Lee</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item 2:</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes (for possible action)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The July 16, 2014 meeting minutes were approved</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comment</b>		
<b>Agenda Item 3:</b>	<b>Presentation of Mayor's Faith Based Initiative</b>	<b>Dr. Maria Castillo-Couch</b>
	Held until first of the year	
<b>Agenda Item 4:</b>	<b>Introduction of New CAC Members (information only)</b>	<b>Chair Donna Smith</b>
	Introduction of Joelyn Gold and Andre Bailey	
<b>Agenda Item 5:</b>	<b>Receive an update on Department of Family Services activities (information only) –</b>	<b>Michael Knight, Mari Parlade, Lisa Ruiz-Lee</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of County Commissioners proclaimed the month of September as Step Up for Kids month; and recognized Wynn Las Vegas for its philanthropy and leadership in sponsoring our 2-day Step Up for Kids Foster Friends conference.</li> <li>The Foster Friends program was birthed from the Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI). Through the Foster Friends program, we are extending our reach to the non-child welfare community -- the businesses and faith-based community -- to partner with us as Foster Friends so that together we will provide our children and their families with the community network of support that they need.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are continuing with the implementation of SIPS (Safety Intervention Permanency Systems), our enhanced safety model. We are working with our court partners – DA, SPD, CAP, CASA and court – to ensure that we are all speaking the same language when it comes to child safety decision-making.</li> <li>• Children’s Day in Nevada is September 22 at the Natural History Museum beginning at 3PM</li> <li>• We are getting ready for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of serving on the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) with CCSD and DJJS. Last year, we met with approximately 29 students, only 3 of which had to be cited to the juvenile delinquency court. The remaining students were provided with the intervention needed to ensure that they were going to school.</li> <li>• Adoption Day is November 19 at 8:00AM; approximately 50 children’s adoptions are scheduled to be finalized that day.</li> <li>• We have partnered with the City of Las Vegas through the Mayors Faith-Based Initiative to promote the Foster Friend program and recruit foster parents. The Mayor’s Faith-Initiative is coordinated by the City of Las Vegas’ Maria Castillo-Couch and Pastor Boveda of My Father’s House. Hundreds of faith leaders attend the Bi-annual Unity Prayer Breakfast and further focus on 6 main topics through monthly Workgroup meetings: Addiction, Strengthening the family, Jobs, Education, Homelessness, and Human trafficking. DFS has been invited to present the Foster Friends program at their upcoming Unity Prayer Breakfast in January. The City is also partnering with us to recruit foster parents.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item 6:</b>	<b>Receive an update from CAC members on actions plans/activities and update plans accordingly to include developing messaging for CAC members to share in the public regarding the purpose and goals and initiatives of the CAC– (for possible action) – CAC</b>	<b>CAC Members</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAC Bylaws need to be reviewed and signed off on per DA Catherine Jorgenson</li> <li>• Sub-committees may only meet during the scheduled Committee meeting</li> <li>• Action Plan Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Foster Care and Adoption Plan has been completed</li> <li>○ Family Preservation has been completed</li> <li>○ Mental Health Plan review – will keep: Advocate for DFS and community mental health initiatives and services. Assessment center DJJS/DFS collaboration</li> <li>○ Childhood Education will stay as is, will always be ongoing. Focus on tracking kids when they are being bounced from school to school</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify who will serve on each subcommittee and notify DFS staff for addition to contact list</li> <li>• November 12 meeting will be a working meeting in subcommittees.</li> <li>• Will talk also about upcoming Legislative session</li> <li>• January meeting will do the bylaws with DA Catherine Jorgensen</li> <li>• Taking suggestions for Vice Chair position. Will be on next agenda.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comment</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casa Foundation Volunteer Recognition Dinner 10/11</li> <li>• Week of November 19 -20 year Family Court Celebration</li> <li>• November 9 – Dinner at the home of Donna Smith for families who are interested in fostering or adopting</li> <li>• QPI Meet and Greet first two weeks in November with DFS workers and Foster Families. Partnership agreement between families and DFS will be rolled out.</li> </ul>	

Agenda Item 7:	Discussion of future meeting dates and adjourn meeting (for possible action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting is November 12, 2014 and will be held at the Clark County Department of Family Services, 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106 at 8:30 AM.</li> <li>• Meeting dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday <b><u>every month</u></b> beginning in January 2015.</li> </ul>